

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A; Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

NOTICE of PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

for

Amendment to the Regional Water Quality Control Plan of the North Coast Region
Shasta River Watershed Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Total Maximum
Daily Loads

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

This public notice is to inform interested persons that the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will hold three public workshops to receive comments on adoption of a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) that will include the Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Total Maximum Daily Loads Action Plan for the Shasta River watershed. The workshop in Santa Rosa will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Water Board. The time given refers to the start of the meeting. Please see the March agenda for an approximate start time for the workshop item. The Regional Water Board also will conduct a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the proposed amendment. A separate notice for the Public Hearing will be sent out no later than 45 days before the hearing.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Water Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the North Coast Region, which encompasses watersheds from the Oregon state border to the Estero de San Antonio that drain to the Pacific Ocean, and includes Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties and portions of Siskiyou, Sonoma, Glenn, Modoc, Lake and Marin counties. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives and action plans to meet those objectives. The Regional Water Board conducts a formal public process for all amendments to the Basin Plan. The Shasta River watershed is listed as impaired by elevated water temperatures and dissolved oxygen that do not meet water quality objectives. Staff of the Regional Water Board are proposing an Action Plan that implements the TMDLs in the Shasta River watershed. The proposed Action Plan and TMDLs address the sources of elevated water temperatures and low levels of dissolved oxygen in the watershed and would be added to Chapter 4 of the Basin Plan. The purpose of the workshops is to provide an overview and to solicit public comments on the proposed TMDLs and Action Plan.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

A summary of the proposed Basin Plan amendment can be obtained by close of business February 7, 2006 on the Regional Water Board website at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/programs/tmdl/shasta/shasta.html>

or by calling the Regional Water Board at 707-576-2220. When the public comment period begins on February 7, 2006, the full text of the proposed Draft Basin Plan Amendment and the supporting draft staff report (the CEQA functionally equivalent substitute document) will be available at those sources. Additional or alternate regulations or policies consistent with the general purpose of the amendment, and

complementary to the proposed rules, are under consideration or may be developed as a logical outgrowth of the amendment.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**Santa Rosa Public Workshop**

Date: March 8, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m. *(or as noticed in the 2-page agenda for the Board Meeting)*

Place: North Coast Regional Water Board Hearing Room
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
707-576-2220

Directions to the Santa Rosa workshop location can be found on the Regional Water Board website. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the workshop should contact Jean Lockett, Executive Assistant at 707-576-2307, at least five days prior to the scheduled workshop. The workshop location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Eureka Public Workshop

Date: March 14, 2006

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Red Lion Inn
Evergreen Room
1929 Fourth Street
Eureka, CA 95501
707-441-4712

Yreka Public Workshop

Date: March 15, 2006

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Best Western Miners
Inn Convention Center
122 E. Miner Street
Yreka, CA
530-842-4355

SUBMISSIONS OF COMMENTS

Members of the public and interested parties will be provided an opportunity to present oral and/or written comments during the workshops and during the public review period. Submission of written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment is encouraged. Written comments are due no later than March 24, 2006. Written response to the comments received during the public comment period, including the workshops, will be prepared for the administrative record. Written comments should be submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board at the following address:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
ATTN: Ms. Lauren Clyde

CONTACT PERSON

Questions regarding the proposed Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen TMDLs and Action Plan or the public workshops or hearing should be directed to Ms. Lauren Clyde at 707-576-2674 or lclyde@waterboards.ca.gov. If you would like to be taken off the Shasta River TMDL mailing list, please let us know.